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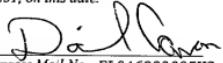
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For: METHOD FOR OPTIMIZING A SOLUTION SET

Enclosed are:

- (X) 58 pages of specification, including 46 claims and an abstract.
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- (X) 7 sheet(s) of formal drawings(s).

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d) Fee for Multiple Claims		\$280.00 = \$
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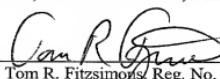
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